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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
DECEMBER 4, 2003 COMMUNICATION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Communication issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 4, 2003 in connection with the above identified application. A copy of this Communication is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A response to the December 4, 2003 Communication is due January 4, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: